Bomb Explosions/Rocket Attacks in Jammu and Kashmir

2762. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many times bomb explosions and land-mine explosions took place in the Jammu Division of Jammu and Kashmir State in the years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994;

(b) how many times rocket attacks were made by the militants, in Srinagar city, on Government installations, offices, functions, individual residences, etc. during the aforesaid years; and

(c) what measures are being taken to arrest the increasing number of explosions and rocket attacks by the militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) As per the information available, 510 bomb/land-mine explosions took place in Jammu Division. Year-wise details are as under:

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
90	41	118	111	150

(b) There were 268 rocket attacks by militants on various government installations, offices, S/F pickets and individual residences during the period from 1990 to 1994.

(c) Measures have been taken to strengthen and intensify vigilance and patrolling of vulnerable areas/installations, establishment of pickets at important places, streamlining of the intelligence apparatus to ensure better coordination between various agencies and intensification of vigil on the border to check infiltration of arms and explosives.

Assurance to set up Autonomous Regional Council for Ladakh

2763. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assurance, was given by Government to Ladakhi Buddhist Association to set up an autonomous Regional Council for Ladakh;

(b) if so, whether this assurance has not been fulfilled;

(c) whether the Ladakhi Buddhist Association has started a public agitation against Government's attitude; and

(d) what measures are being taken to ensure that the grievances of Ladakhi Buddhist Association are redressed, assurances fulfilled and public agitations obviated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (d) Following a series of discussions at the Government of India level with representatives of State Government of Jammu & Kashmir and the Ladakh region, regarding a possible structure and framework for an Autonomous Hill Council for the Ladakh Region, the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir had sent a proposal for legislation to constitute such a Council. The proposal is under the active consideration of Government.

In view of the above, Government considers that there should not be any cause for agitation. It is the consistent effort of the Government to ensure that the legitimate grievances of the people of Ladakh are properly addressed.

Terrorist Activities in J & K

2764. SHRI SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incidents of shooting dead of Pakistani intruder and nabbing of 8 militants belonging to Harkat-UL-Ansar organisation has been reported in